Removal of unemployment

286. SHRI SOUPETA RAMA-CHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the plans of Government for removal of unemployment; and

(b) the steps taken during the last one year for eradicating poverty?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) and (b) Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment implements the following major schemes for generation of employment and eradication of poverty in rural areas of the Country;

(1) Jawahar Razgar Yojana (JRY)
(2) Million Wells Schemes (MWS)
(3) Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP)
(4) Development of Women and' Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA)
(5) Training of rural Youth for Self Employment (TRYSEM)
(6) Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS)
(7) Supply of Improved Toolkits to Rural Artisans (SITRA)
(8) Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY)

The budget allocation for the rural employment and poverty eradication programme has been increased from Rs. 6805.70 crore in Budget Estimate 1997-98 to Rs. 7280.94 crore in Budget Estimate 1998-99.

Campaigns for rural employment schemes

287. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what further steps Government propose to disseminate information about various rural employment schemes in a big way; and

(b) whether there are any action programmes to reach these schemes to the door steps of, rural population, through regular campaigns?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment is making concerted efforts to disseminate information about various rural employment schemes through most of the available modes of communication such as Electronic Media (Radio and Television), Print Media, Outdoor Publicity, Field level publicity campaign, interpersonal contacts and traditional media.

To make the target beneficiaries in rural areas aware about schemes of the Ministry of Rural Areeas and Employment, the Ministry also organises field level campaigns through the media units of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting namely Directorate of Field Publicity and Song and Drama Division.

An Advisory Committee on Media Comprising of eminent journalists and media persons has been constituted in the Ministry to evolve cohesie communication plan.

A Standing Committee on Media constituted in the Ministry approves and oversees the implementation of the media activities. It periodically monitors and gives policy directions for mid course corrections.

पंजाब, महाराष्ट्र और गुजरात में सम्पर्क सड़कों के लिए राशि

288. **श्री लाला लाजपत राय** : क्या ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) विगत तीन वर्षो के दौरान पंजाब, महाराष्ट्र और गुजरात के प्रत्येक जिले में सम्पर्क सड़कों के विकास हेतु वास्तविक रूप से कुल कितनी राशि आबंटित की गई:

(ख) राज्यों से प्राप्त उन प्रस्तावों का ब्यौरा क्या हैं जिन्हें अनुमोदित नहीं किया गया हैं,

(ग) इस आबंटित राशि से निर्मित सड़कों का अद्यतन ब्यौरा क्या हैं, और

(घ) चालू वित्तीय वर्ष के दौरान इन राज्यों को दो जाने वाली निधि का ब्यौरा क्या हैं ?

ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री बाबगौड़ा पाटील) : (क) से (घ) जानकारी एकत्र की जा रही हैं और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

Employment generation schemes for rural areas

289. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have conducted any study with regard to benefits to the people through rural areas and employment programmes during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, Statewise; and

(c) the details with regard to the scheme through which employment is generated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Rural Areas & Employment has conducted the following studies with regard to Rural Areas Employment Programme during the last three years;

(i) Concurrent Evaluation of Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) (5th round) from July, 1995. to June, 1996.

(ii) Employment Generation Programme in KBK district of Orissa (March, il997 to June, 1997).

(iii) Impact Analysis of Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) & Million Wells Scheme (MWS) (Feb. 1997 to August, 1997).

(iv) Impact Assessment of Wage Employment Programme in selected rural areas of India (Feb.'1998 to Sept. 1998)

Concurrent Evaluation in respect of India Awaas Yojana(IAY) and Million Wells Scheme(MWS) is currently in progress in all the districts of the country where these schemes are implemented. These studies cover beneficiaries also.

(c) Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY), Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS), Million Wells Scheme (MWS), Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWGRA), Training of Rural Youth for Self Employment (TRY-SEM), Supply of Improved Tool Kits (SITRA) and Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY) are implemented in the rural areas of the country, which generate employment.

Wasteland Development Scheme in Gujarat

290. SMT. URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Govern-ment have introduced Investment Promotion Scheme in Gujart for development of wastelands belonging to individual farmers in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how many fanners have been covered/benefited so far under the scheme in the State, as on date, with district-wise details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) and (b) Originally this Central Sector Investment Promotional Scheme for development of non-forests wastelands (IPS) was launched during 1994-95 in all States including Gujarat; however, the same scheme has now been restructured to make it more broad based and with focus to benefit the small &